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ORGANIZATION OF THE MINISTRY
OF CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS INDUSTRY USSR

[Numbers in parentheses refer to appended sources.]

Background History

The all-union People's Commissariat of Construction Materials Industry was established on 24 January 1939 by ukase of the Presidium, Supreme Soviet USSR, subdividing the People's Commissariat of Heavy Industry into six separate commissariats. The People's Commissariat of Construction Materials Industry was to include all enterprises engaged in the production of construction materials, cement plants, industrial-glass plants, and logging and wood-working enterprises.(1)

In accordance with the ukase of the Presidium, Supreme Soviet USSR, of 13 March 1939, the Council of Ministers USSR decreed the organization of the following main administrations under the People's Commissariat of Construction Materials Industry:

Glavtsement (Main Administration of Cement Industry)
Glavstroyles (Main Administration of Timber and Woodworking Industry)
Glavstroydetal' (Main Administration of Construction Parts Industry)
Glavmetallokonstruktsiya (Main Administration of Metal Structures)
Glavkirpich (Main Administration of Brick and Ceramics Industry)
Glavsantekhnika (Main Administration of Sanitation Engineering Equipment)
Glavbeton (Main Administration of Concrete, Reinforced-Concrete, and Slag-Ash Parts)
Glavkrovlya (Main Administration of Roofing Materials)
Glavasbotsement (Main Administration of Asbestos-Cement Parts), including enterprises of the asbestos-mining industry
Glavvyazh (Main Administration of Binding Materials and Gypsum)
Glavstroysteklo (Main Administration of Construction Glass)
Glavmramorgranit (Main Administration of Marble and Granite)
Glavstroybyt (Main Administration for the Sale of Cement, Ruberoid, Roofing Paper, and Other Construction Materials)
Glavsnab (Main Administration of Supplies for the Construction Materials Industry)(2)

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On 10 April 1939, the Main Administration of Cement Industry was subdivided into "Glavtsentrotsement" (Main Administration of Cement Industry of the Central Regions) and "glavvostoktsement" (Main Administration of Cement Industry of the Eastern Regions), including plants in the Volga region, Ural, Siberia, Far East, and Central Asia.(3)

By decree of the Supreme Soviet USSR, dated 15 March 1946, the People's Commissariat of Construction Materials Industry was changed into the Ministry of Construction Materials Industry USSR.(4)

Organization of the Ministry in 1948

According to a 1948 source, the Ministry of Construction Materials Industry USSR had the following main administrations in Moscow:

Glavasbest (Main Administration of Asbestos Industry)
Glavgeologiya (Main Geological Administration)
Glavgips (Main Administration of Gypsum Industry)
Glavkrovlya (Main Administration of Roofing Materials Industry)
Glavnemetrud (Main Administration of Nonmetallic Ores Industry)
Glavproyekt (Main Administration for Planning Enterprises of the Construction Materials Industry)
Glavvurs (Main Administration of Workers' Supply)
GURP (Main Administration of Republic Industry)
Glavsantekhprom (Main Administration of Sanitation Engineering Industry)
Glavlyudagrafit (Main Administration of Mica and Graphite Industry)
Main Administration for the Supply of Equipment
Glavsnab (Main Supply Administration)
Glavstandartdom (Main Administration of Prefabricated House Building)
Glavstroy (Main Administration for Construction)
Glavstroykeramika (Main Administration of Construction Ceramics)
Glavstroyles (Main Administration of Logging and Woodworking Industry)
Glavstroyshyt (Main Administration for the Sale of Construction Materials)
Glavstroysteklo (Main Administration of Construction Glass)
Glavtop (Main Administration for the Procurement of Local Fuel)
GUUZ (Main Administration of Educational Institutions)
Glavtsement Vostoka (Main Administration of Cement Industry of Eastern Regions)
Glavtsement Zapada (Main Administration of Cement Industry of the Western Regions) (5)

Changes Since 1948

On 29 May 1950, the former Minister of Construction Materials Industry USSR, S. Z. Ginsburg, was replaced by Pavel Aleksandrovich Yudin.(6)

The following deputy ministers have been identified: I. L. Mittrakov, M. F. Nadtochiy, L. A. Sosnin, G. S. Ivanov, I. P. Gvozdarov, N. I. Dikerman, D. P. Basilov, I. Z. Rykhletskiy, V. V. Yermolayev, F. T. Sadovskiy, D. N. Potanin (7), P. F. Lopukhov (8), V. V. Nikulin (9), S. I. Mishin (10), A. V. Khrulev (11), and I. I. Lebed'.(12)

Main administrations of the ministry, newly created or not included in the 1948 listing, to which references have appeared since 1948 are as follows:

Glavnvtsement (possibly the Main Administration of New Cement Enterprises) (13)
Glavkirpich (Main Administration of Brick Industry); chief, Zaytsev (14)
Glavshifer (Main Administration of Slate Industry); chief, A. Lukatskiy (15).

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Glavtekhsteklo (Main Administration of Industrial Glass Industry); chief, A. N. Germanov (7)
Glavvostokstroy (Main Administration for Construction in Eastern Regions);
Organized in 1951 (16)

The following chiefs of other main administrations under the ministry have been identified in the press: Bolovinov, chief of "Glavvostoktsement" (17) /in 1948, "Glavtsement Vostoka" 7; Anikeyev, chief of "Glavzapadtssement" (18) /in 1948, "Glavtsement Zapada" 7; K. I. Sharonov, chief of "Glavstroykeramika" (19); D. A. Lomtev, chief of "Glavstroysteklo" (20); Lobanov, chief of "Glavgips" (21); Medvedev, chief of "Glavsantekhprom" (22); Blagirev, chief of "Glavstroy" (16); Mal'tsev, chief of "Glavkrovlya" (14); and Zhukov, chief of "Glavstroyabyt." (23)

A number of special trusts were formed during 1951 to improve the organization of work connected with the introduction of new techniques and technical aid to enterprises in various branches of the construction materials industry. All-union trusts were organized within the system of the following main administrations: under "Glavtekhsteklo," the "Orgsteklo" Trust, to service the glass industry; under "Glavshifer," the "Orgshifer" Trust, to aid the slate and roofing industry; under "Glavsantekhprom," the "Orgsantekhprom" Trust; and under "Glavnetmetrud," the "Orgnetmetrud" Trust. In addition, a special all-union trust was to be organized for the automatization of production processes and the adjustment of testing and measuring instruments. The duties of the new trusts include the adoption of new technological processes, the introduction of improved types of machinery, adjustments in the operation of basic machinery, introduction of completed scientific research work as well as tested inventions and innovations into production, and organization of the exchange of work experience. (24)

Other trusts controlled by main administrations of the Ministry of Construction Materials Industry USSR to which references have been found in the press are as follows:

Under "Glavgeologiya"

"Sredazgeolnerudtrest" (Central Asian Trust for Geological Prospecting of Nonmetallic Minerals)
"Sibgeolnerudtrest" (Siberian Trust for Geological Prospecting of Nonmetallic Minerals)
"Uralgeolnerudtrest" (Ural Trust for Geological Prospecting of Nonmetallic Minerals)
"Mosgeolnerudtrest" (Moscow Trust for Geological Prospecting of Nonmetallic Minerals) (24)

Under "Glavnetmetrud"

"Soyuzkaolin" (All-Union Kaolin) Trust (22)
"Uralnetmetrud" (Ural Nonmetallic Ores) Trust; supervises marble quarries (25)

Under "Glavasbest"

"Soyuzasbest" (All-Union Asbestos) Trust (26)

The cement industry has a number of regional trusts, including "Novorostsement" (Novorossiysk Cement) Trust (17), "Ukrtsement" (Ukrainian Cement) Trust, and "Uraltsement" (Ural Cement) Trust. (27) The "Orgtsement" Trust supervises the introduction of new techniques and gives technical aid to cement plants. (13)

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Other trusts under the Ministry of Construction Materials Industry USSR include "Soyuzstromzapchast" Trust (All-Union Trust for the Production of Spare Parts and Equipment) (28) and "Soyuzvzryvrom" Trust (All-Union Trust for Drilling and Blasting Operations). The duties of the latter trust include the planning and performing of drilling and blasting operations in various branches of industry, mining of quarries and underground mines, and demolition of buildings and foundations. (29)

"Glavproyekt" (Main Planning Administration) supervises several state planning institutes, including "Giprotops" (State Institute for Planning and Scientific Research in the Gypsum Industry), "Giprostroymaterialy" (State Institute for Planning Construction Materials Enterprises), which was formerly called "Soyuzstromproyekt" Trust (All-Union Trust for Planning Construction Materials Enterprises) but was recently reorganized into the above-named institute (16); and "Giprotsement" (State Institute for Planning Cement Industry Enterprises), the director of which is Yu. Lur'ye. (14)

Republic Ministries

In addition to the Ministry of Construction Materials Industry USSR, every Soviet Republic has its own Ministry of Construction Materials Industry.

The Ministry of Construction Materials Industry RSFSR has the following main regional administrations: "Glavural," which includes the Urals and the Volga region, "Glavtsentr," which includes northern, western, and central regions (5), "Glavvostok" (Siberia and Far East) (21), and "Glavyug" (south and southeast). (11)

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